

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electroluminescent device comprising:
  - a substrate having a surface,
  - a metallic structure incorporated into the substrate, and
  - a layer assembly on the surface of the substrate, the layer assembly comprising at least a first electrode, an electroluminescent layer and a second electrode,
    - wherein the metallic structure is in electrical contact with the first electrode, and a layer resistance of the metallic structure is lower than a layer resistance of the first electrode,
    - wherein light travels through the first electrode and the substrate to an observer, and
    - wherein a width of the metallic structure that obstructs the

light from the observer is not more less than 10% of the surface a width of the substrate.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a layer thickness of the metallic structure is greater than a layer thickness of the first electrode.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the metallic structure exhibits a structure selected from the group comprises at least one of strips, grids, wavy lines, zigzag lines and sawtooth lines.

Claim 6 (Canceled)

7. (New) The electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the metallic structure comprises a strip having a width of

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200  $\mu\text{m}$  and spaced at 20 mm.

8. (New) The electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the metallic structure comprises a strip having a width of  
200  $\mu\text{m}$  and spaced at 25 mm.